

House Resolution 1287

By: Representatives Reese of the 98th, Marin of the 96th, Floyd of the 99th, Mumford of the 95th, Sheldon of the 105th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing Sergeant Michael P. McKeithan, Corporal William H. Hoch,
2 and Officers James Huth, Cole Crosby, and Ross Hancock, and inviting them to appear
3 before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Michael McKeithan, Corporal William H. Hoch, and Officers James
5 Huth, Cole Crosby, and Ross Hancock are police officers with the Gwinnett County North
6 Precinct; and

7 WHEREAS, on January 3, 2008, Sergeant McKeithan, Corporal Hoch, and Officers Huth,
8 Crosby, and Hancock reported to serve several warrants on an individual, including a warrant
9 for aggravated assault resulting from an incident the previous weekend when the suspect
10 almost struck several police officers while fleeing the scene; and

11 WHEREAS, when Sergeant McKeithan and Corporal Hoch entered the residence to serve
12 the warrants they were met with gunfire; and

13 WHEREAS, Corporal Hoch was shot in the leg and Sergeant McKeithan was shot once in
14 the arm and three times through his vest; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Huth, hearing the shots, rushed into the house and returned fire at the
16 suspect while rescuing Sergeant McKeithan, and Corporal Hoch was able to get out of the
17 house by himself; and

18 WHEREAS, a 13 hour standoff ensued during which the suspect died from a self-inflicted
19 gunshot wound; and

20 WHEREAS, due to the severity of his injuries, Sergeant McKeithan remains in the intensive
21 care unit at Gwinnett Medical Center; and

1 WHEREAS, Corporal Hoch remains at home recuperating from the gunshot wound to his
2 leg; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant McKeithan has been employed with the Gwinnett County Police
4 Department since March, 1987; and Corporal Hoch as been with them since May, 2001.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body recognize and commend Sergeant Michael P. McKeithan, Corporal
7 William H. Hoch, and Officers James Huth, Cole Crosby, and Ross Hancock for their
8 outstanding service and bravery in the face of danger and invite them to appear before this
9 body on a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House for the purposes of being
10 recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution.